



**Montana Fish,
Wildlife & Parks**

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August 17, 2001

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a copy of the Decision Notice by Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks for the permitting of the
Hagenbarth Bird Shooting Preserve.

Beaverhead

If you have any questions regarding the preserve or the decision, you may contact me at Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Region Three, 1400 So. 19th Avenue, Bozeman, MT 59718, telephone 406-994-4042, or e-mail at pflowers@montana.edu.

Sincerely,

Joel Peterson for P.J.F.

Patrick J. Flowers
Regional Supervisor

Enclosure

**HAGENBARTH BIRD SHOOTING PRESERVE
DECISION NOTICE**

**MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE, & PARKS
REGION 3, BOZEMAN
AUGUST 17, 2001**

Proposal

On February 17, 2001, James Hagenbarth made a written application to Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) for a bird shooting preserve. Montana FWP is the licensing agency for shooting preserves. The property is located in T4S, R9W, Section 3, 10 and 15, and encompasses a total of 958 acres. The proposal is to release pheasants and chukars for private hunting purposes.

Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) Process

The proposal has been outlined in an Environmental Assessment (EA) by Montana FWP to satisfy MEPA. Montana FWP is required to assess the impacts to the human and natural environment.

Issues Raised in the Environmental Assessment

The checklist EA specifies the issues. No major impacts are known to occur if the permit is issued. Some of the minor impacts listed in the EA include the following:

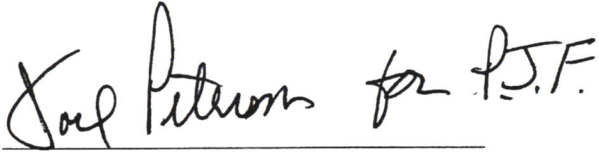
- Minor noise impacts could occur as hunting of released birds takes place.
- There is potential for competition between chukars and Hungarian partridge, but given the fact that chukars released by Montana FWP in this general area in the past have not been successful makes this potential competition unlikely.
- The potential competition between these introduced birds and native birds is unknown, but the unlikely survival and perpetuation of these species in the wild should minimize those concerns.
- There will undoubtedly be increased demand for additional governmental services as a result of this preserve.
- Trespass is a possibility, as is the issue of shooting of these birds from public roads, which run through the center of the preserve.

General Summary of Public Comments

Only one comment was received during the review period. The State Historic Preservation Office commented that it knew of no historically significant sites in the area encompassing the proposed preserve.

DECISION

Utilizing the information contained in the EA and the lack of public comment, Montana FWP establishes that there are no known significant impacts likely to result from this project. It is therefore my decision to approve the permit for the Hagenbarth Bird Shooting Preserve.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick J. Flowers for P.J.F.", written over a horizontal line.

Patrick J. Flowers
Regional Supervisor
Bozeman, MT
August 17, 2001